



## ***ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION***

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# **TRAFFIC ADVISORY**

### **Work Continues on Anniston Eastern Bypass, in Calhoun County**

**CALHOUN**– Weather permitting, on Monday, August 10, at approximately 7 a.m. the Alabama Department of Transportation and its contractor will begin work on State Route 21 (McClelland Blvd.) to build acceleration/deceleration lanes for the on/off ramps that will connect SR 21 to the Anniston Eastern Bypass.

Work will start on the outside lanes of the southbound and northbound roadways of SR 21. Traffic will be shifted approximately 3 feet to the left in this area with a barrier wall placed on the outside edge. This work will consist of drainage, grading, basing, paving, along with signals. After the work is complete in the outside lanes, traffic will be shifted back to the outside in order to work in the median.

This process is expected to take months to complete.

Also, in the coming weeks, crossover work will take place on US 431 at Whiteside Avenue and at W. 45<sup>th</sup> Street in order to build temporary crossovers for the contraflow (map is attached). Once the temporary crossovers are constructed, the northbound roadway will be put into one lane then will be moved to the southbound inside lane using the crossovers from Whiteside Avenue to north of W. 45<sup>th</sup> Street. All southbound roadway traffic will be moved to the outside southbound lane in this area and the travel lanes will be separated by a concrete barrier wall. This means there will be **NO LEFT TURNS** possible in this area.

Sprague Avenue will be closed, along with Lindale Drive where they connect to US 431.

Detours will be as follows:

- Sprague Avenue will exit on Glade Road
- Lindale Drive will exit on Whiteside Avenue

The traffic shift is to allow the tie in work for the Anniston Eastern Bypass to US 431 to be done on the east side. Traffic will be rerouted on a later date to the newly constructed east side in order to do the west side and complete the entire tie-ins for the Eastern Bypass and all the side streets.

Motorists are also requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area.

ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience as we move forward to complete the Anniston Eastern Bypass.

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